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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7159

BILL NUMBER: SB 303

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 6, 2009

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Adoption Records.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Miller

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: No Fiscal Impact

Summary of Legislation: This bill requires a person that is required to store, maintain, or release certain adoption records or other adoption information to store and maintain the records or other information for at least 99 years. The bill provides that the adoption records or other adoption information may be stored and maintained in an electronic or other format.

Effective Date: July 1, 2009.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Background Information: The State Department of Health (ISDH) reports that currently they maintain all birth, death, and adoption records indefinitely. Any costs associated with storing adoption records for the specified time period would already be incurred by ISDH. The bill will not impact operations regarding record keeping in the ISDH.

The Department of Child Services (DCS) reports that when an adoption concerning DCS occurs, the court in which the adoption is finalized houses all related adoption records. The Division of State Court Administration reports that adoption records are also required to be maintained permanently.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: ISDH.

Local Agencies Affected:

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